

REMARKS

The disclosure and claim 11 were objected to for informalities. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Under 35 USC § 103(a), claims 1, 2, and 5 were rejected as obvious over Melo et al (US Pat. No. 5,918,026) in view of Palmer et al (US Pat. No. 5,305,389).

Claims 11-20 were allowed. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 The specification is being amended to correct informalities. Claim 11 is being amended to correct an informality. Claim 7 is being amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. The limitations of claims 1, 2, have been incorporated into allowable claim 3. The limitations of claims 1, 5, have been incorporated into allowable claim 6. The limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into allowable claim 8.

15 The commissioner is requested to charge the **large-entity** fee for presentation of 2 additional independent claims from my deposit account 01-2950. The assignee is now a 20 large entity.

25 In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 3-4, 6-20, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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